

# Computational Terminology in eHealth

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# Outline

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- Problems definition
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- Conclusions



# Terminology

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- “Terminology is the study and the field of activity concerned with the collection, description, processing and presentation of terms”\*
- ISO, International Standard 1087  
Terminology - Vocabulary, 5.1
- Terms (not words!): Alzheimer’s disease, DNA

\*Sager, Juan C. Practical course in terminology processing. John Benjamins Publishing, 1990.

# Computational Terminology (CT)

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- Automatic Terms Extraction (ATE)
  - Notion of “Termhood” (degree of relatedness)\*
  - Terminological Resources

\*Kageura, Kyo, and Bin Umino. "Methods of automatic term recognition: A review." *Terminology. International Journal of Theoretical and Applied Issues in Specialized Communication* 3.2 (1996): 259-289.

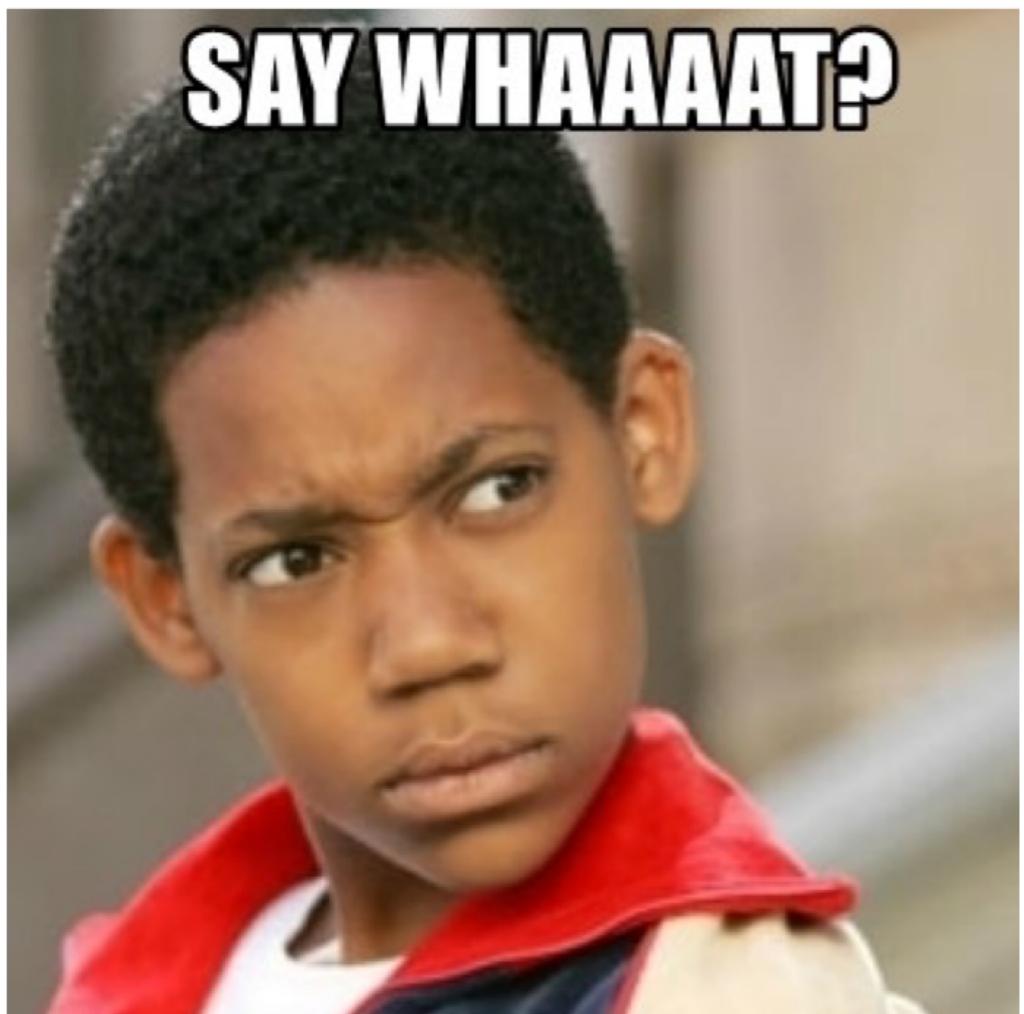
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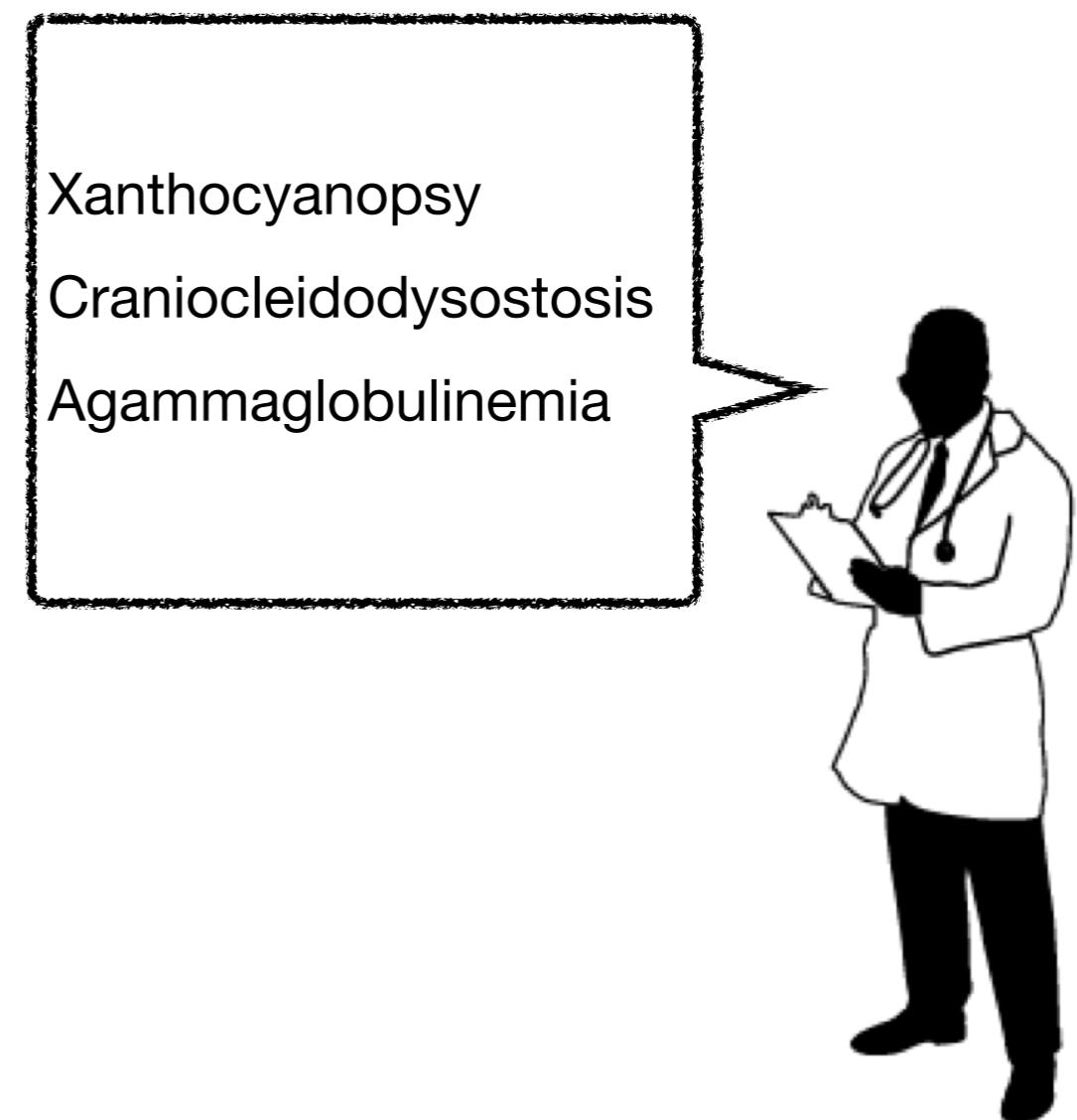
- **Communication**
  - Patient-Doctor Dialogue
- **Specialised Translation**
  - Translation of Medical Information
- **Information Retrieval**
  - Medical Systematic Reviews
- **Semantic change**
  - Study of Diachronic Terminology

# Communication

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Xanthocyanopsia  
Craniocleidodysostosis  
Agammaglobulinemia



# Specialised Translation

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- Source language
  - Decoding
- Target language
  - Transcoding



Translators - 10 year challenge.

# Information Retrieval

- Medical Systematic Reviews
  - Relevant medical documents
  - Query rewriting



# Semantic change

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- Generalisation/Specialisation
- Amelioration/Pejoration
- Metaphor
- Metonymy



**So, even men are hysterical!**

# Terminological Resources

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- Consumer Health Vocabulary
- InterActive Terminology for Europe (IATE)
- Medical Subject Headings (MeSH)
- Etymological Dictionaries

# Our Proposal

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- TriMED: Digital Library
- New Model of Terminological Record
- Multilingual: English, Italian, French
- Medical domain in general

Vezzani, F., Di Nunzio, G. M., & Henrot, G. (2018). TriMED: a multilingual terminological database. In *Proceedings of the Eleventh International Conference on Language Resources and Evaluation (LREC-2018)*.

# TriMED: Communication

Patient

Technical Term

Pyrexia

 DEFINITION  
**Pyrexia is defined as having a temperature above the normal range due to an increase in the body's temperature set-point.**

 INFORMATIVE  
**Fever**

 POPULAR  
**Temperature**

# TriMED: Specialised Translation

The screenshot displays the TriMED application interface, which compares the French term "Oreillons" with its Italian translation "Parotite". The interface is divided into several sections:

- Left Sidebar:** Contains links for "Caractéristiques formelles", "Sémantique", "Corpus", "Concordancier", and a "Télécharger" button.
- Project Selection:** Shows "Projet" set to "Groupe A".
- Term Selection:** Shows "Terme" set to "Oreillons".
- French Data:** Shows "Chargement des données" with "Termes chargés" and "Genre" set to "N.m.". It also shows the phonetic transcription "[ɔʁejɔ̃]" and orthographic note "Écrit avec "s" à la fin."
- Italian Data:** Shows "Termine" set to "Parotite", "Genere" set to "S.f.", and the phonetic transcription "[paro'tite]".
- Orthography:** Shows "Ortografia" with an empty input field.

# TriMED: Information Retrieval

The screenshot displays the TriMED Information Retrieval interface. On the left, a sidebar lists project, semantic, corpus, and concordancer features, with a 'Télécharger' button. The main area shows results for the term 'Oreillons'.

- Projet:** Groupe A
- Chargement des données:** Termes chargés
- Terme:** Oreillons
- Termine:** Parotite
- Définition:** Maladie infectieuse virale aiguë, extrêmement contagieuse, due à un paramyxovirus et se manifestant principalement par une parotidite bilatérale (inflammation des deux glandes parotides)
- Definizione:** Malattia infettiva acuta, contagiosa, causata da un virus a RNA appartenente al gruppo dei Paramixovirus, e caratterizzata da tumefazioni delle parotidi ed
- Analyse sémique:** /maladie/ /infectieuse/ /virale/ /aiguë/ /contagieuse/ /cause/ /paramyxovirus/ /manifestation//parotidite bilatérale/ /inflammation/ /deux glandes parotides/
- Analisi Semica:** /malattia/ /infettiva/ /acuta/ /contagiosa/ /causa/ /virus a RNA/ /Paramixovirus/ /tumefazioni//parotidi/ /ghiandole salivari/
- Phraseologie (collocation - colligation):** Attraper les oreillons, Avoir les oreillons (V + SN); Souffrir des oreillons (V + SP); Virus des oreillons (N + SP), Virus ourlien (N + adj.); Vaccin anti-ourlien (N + adj.), Vaccin contre les
- Fraseologia (collocazione-colligazione):** Parotide epidemica (N + agg.)
- Variante sémantique (synonymes, hyponymes et hyperonymes):** Synonymes: Fièvre ourlienne, Parotidite infectieuse; Hyperonyme: Maladie infectieuse
- Variante semantica (sinonimi, iperonimi, iponimi):** Sinonimi: Orecchioni, Gattoni; Iperonimo: Malattia infettiva

# Semantic change

The screenshot shows the TriMED application interface. The left sidebar has a dark background with white text: 'TriMED' at the top, followed by 'Formal features', 'Semantics', 'Diachronic variation' (which is highlighted in blue), and 'Diastratic variation'. The main content area has a light blue header bar with the text 'Diachronic variation'. Below this, there are two sections: 'Term' containing the text 'St. Vitus' dance' and 'Current use' containing the text 'Chorea, Sydenham's chorea'.

TriMED

Formal features

Semantics

Diachronic variation

Diastratic variation

Diachronic variation

Term

St. Vitus' dance

Current use

Chorea, Sydenham's chorea

# **TriMED Structure**

# Before TriMED - Word files

LE TERME: <b>le terme</b> (18pt gras)	Le domaine	Le <u>registre</u>	Les sources	IL TRADUCENTE: <b>xxxxx</b>	Il dominio	<u>Il registro d'uso</u>	Le fo
<b>Caractéristiques formelles:</b> - le genre; - l'orthographe; - la prononciation [API] - autres:				<b>Caratteristiche formali</b> - il genere; - l'ortografia; - l'accento tonico; - altro:			
<b>Définition en langue</b>			sources	<b>Definizione in lingua</b>			Fonti
sémème 1: acception pertinente au contexte <u>analyse</u> en /sèmes/ sémème 2 : les autres acceptions du même lexème (= concordant italien) sémème 3 : idem sémème 4 : idem etc. ajouter des lignes si nécessaire				semema 1: acception pertinente au contexte analisi in /semi/ semema 2: della parola italiana (= traducente francese) semema 3: idem semema 4: idem ecc.			
<b>Contextes</b> tirés du texte à traduire ( <b>terme observé</b> ) 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7.			référence: année: page:	<b>Proposte di traduzione</b> ( <b>traducente</b> )			
Contextes tirés du corpus spécialisé			sources	Contesti tratti da corpus specializzato italiano			fonti
<b>Collocations - phraséologie</b>				<b>Collocazioni - fraseologia italiana (da documenti italiani)</b>			
<b>Bibliographie</b> -			N° de référence à utiliser dans les colonnes ci-dessus	<b>Bibliografia</b> -			N° di riferimento da usare nelle colonne sopra



# TriMED 1st version - Excel tables

A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Technical term: Assess, to				Candidat traduisant: Évaluer		
Formal features				Caractéristiques formelles		
genre	verb			genre	verbe	
spelling	assess			orthographe	évaluer	
tonic accent	/'a:səs/			accent	/evalve/	
other	Far more frequent the -ing form "assessing" or the noun "assessment".			autre	Beaucoup plus fréquent le substantif "évaluation"	
Language Definition	Field	Register	Sources	Définition en Langue	Domain	Registre
To evaluate a person or process	Medicine	Specialized	1	Déterminer, délimiter, fixer avec précision.	Générique	Standard
/evaluate//something//someone/				/déterminer/ /fixer/ /précision/		
Specialized contexts	Field	Register	Sources	Proposition de traduction		
1. Pathological assessment of mediastinal lymph nodes in lung cancer.	Oncology	Specialized		Évaluation		
2. Surgical assessment and intraoperative management of mediastinal lymph nodes in non-small cell lung cancer.	Oncology	Specialized		Évaluation		
3. Consequently, an accurate pathologic assessment of mediastinal lymph nodes for metastasis is essential. Despite the significance of nodal assessment, practice patterns among surgeons vary widely.	Oncology	Specialized		Évaluation		
Ontological - encyclopedic illustrations				Illustration encyclopédique - ontologique		
Collocations - phraseology	Assessment of; nodal assessment; pathologic assessment; the assessment of; for assessment of; to require an assessment; assessing + NOUN;			Collocation - phraséologie	Évaluation de + SUB.; évaluable; évaluer quelquechose; évaluer après chimiothérapie; réévaluer à;	
References				Références		
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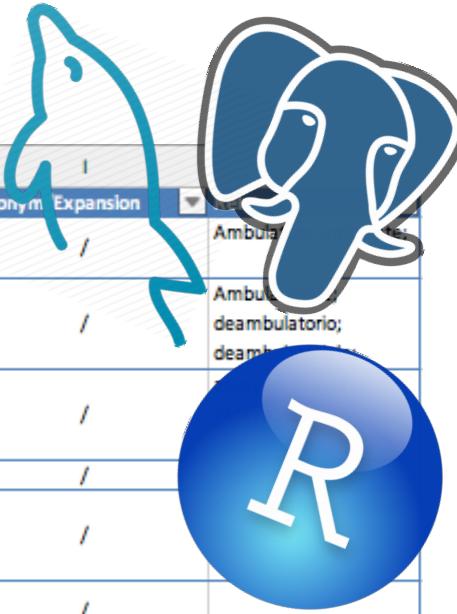
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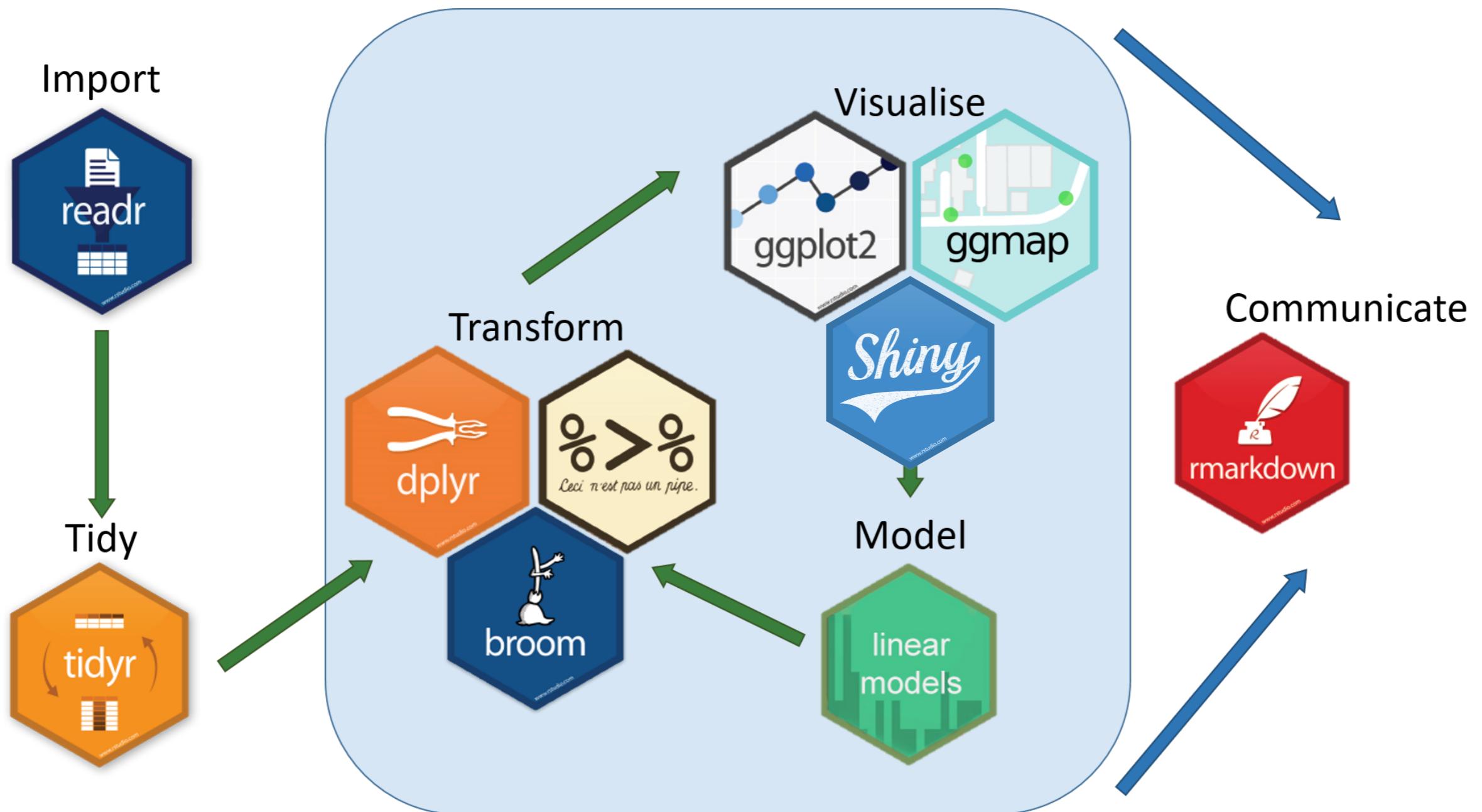
# TriMED 2nd version - Relational tables

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Term	ID	Language	Genre	Tonic accent	Spelling	Synonymy: derivation/Composition	Orthographic variant	Acronym Expansion	
Ambulatory	G1	English	Adjective	/'ambjulat(ə)rɪ/	ambulatory	Mid 16th century (as a noun): from Latin ambulatorius, from ambulare 'to walk'.	/	/	Ambula
Ambulatorio	G1	Italiano	Agg., maschile	ambulatòrio	ambulatorio	dal lat. ambulatorius «mobile, trasferibile», der. di ambulare «camminare».	/	/	Ambulatòrio; deambulatorio; deambulator;
Assay	G2	English	Noun	/'æsə/; /ə'sɛ/	assay	Middle English (in the general sense 'testing, or a test of, the merit of someone or something'): from Old French assai (noun), assaier (verb), variant of essai 'trial', essayer 'to try' (see essay).	essay;	/	
Testare	G2	Italiano	Verbo	testare	testare	Der. di test, esemplato sull'ingl. (to) test e sul fr. Tester	/	/	
Curative	G3	English	Noun or Adjective	/'kjʊərətɪv/	curative	late Middle English (in the sense 'relating to cures'): from French curatif, -ive, from medieval Latin curativus, from Latin curare (see cure).	/	/	
Curativo	G3	Italiano	Aggettivo	curativo	curativo	Der. di curare.	/	/	
Endemic	G4	English	Adjective	/en'demɪk/	endemic	Mid 17th century (as a noun): from French endémique or modern Latin endemicus, from Greek endēmios 'native' (based on dēmos 'people').	/	/	/
EUS	G5	English	/	/	eus		/	Endoscopic Ultrasound	echo-endoscopy
EUS	G6	Italiano	/	/	eus		/	Ecoendoscopia	Ecografia endoscopica
Healthcare	G7	English	Noun	/'helθkeɪ/	healthcare	Composed of: "health" + "care"	/	/	
Assistenza sanitaria	G7	Italiano	Sostantivo	Assistèntsa sanitària	assistenza sanitaria	assistenza: dal lat. tardo assistentia, der. di assistere «assisteret»; sanitaria: derivato di "sanità", dal lat. sanitas -atis, der. di sanus (sano).	/	/	/
LF-LAM	G8	English	/	/	/	/	/	Lateral flow urine lipoarabinomannan assay	/
LAM Test	G8	Italiano	/	/	/	/	/	LAM acronimo di lipoarabinomannano	/
Lipoarabinomannan	G9	English	Noun	/lɪpo'arabi næmənæn/	lipoarabinomannan	Derived from "lipo" + "arabinomannan".	/	LAM	ManLAM; PILAM; AraLAM (CheLAM)
Lipoarabinomannano	G9	Italiano	Sostantivo	lipoarabinomannano	lipoarabinomannano	composto da: lipo + arabinomannano; arabinomannano a sua volta composto da: "arabino" (abbreviazione del sostantivo "arabinosio") + "mannano" (abbreviazione di D-mannano).	/	LAM	Bacillo di Koch; Mycobacterium tuberculosis;
Resectability	G10	English	Noun	/ri'sektə'biliti/	resectability	Early 20th century; earliest use found in Collected Papers Mayo Clinic. Composed of "resect" + "ability".	/	/	/
Resecabilità	G10	Italiano	Sostantivo	részecabilità	resecabilità	Sostantivo derivato dall'aggettivo resecabile , che viene da resecare , variante di risecare ; dal lat. resecare, comp. di re- e secare «tagliare».	Risecare;	/	Resecare; resecabile; resezione;



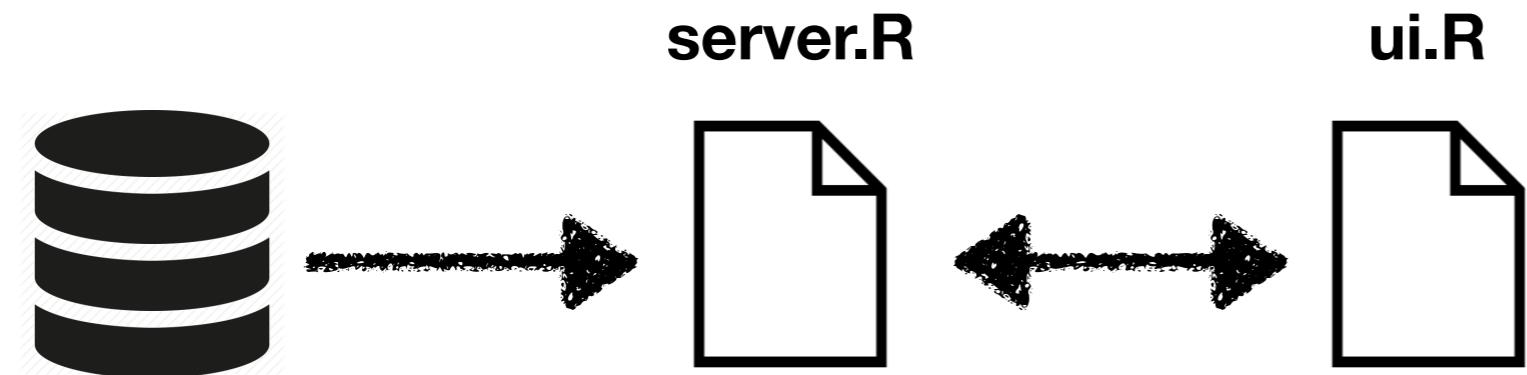
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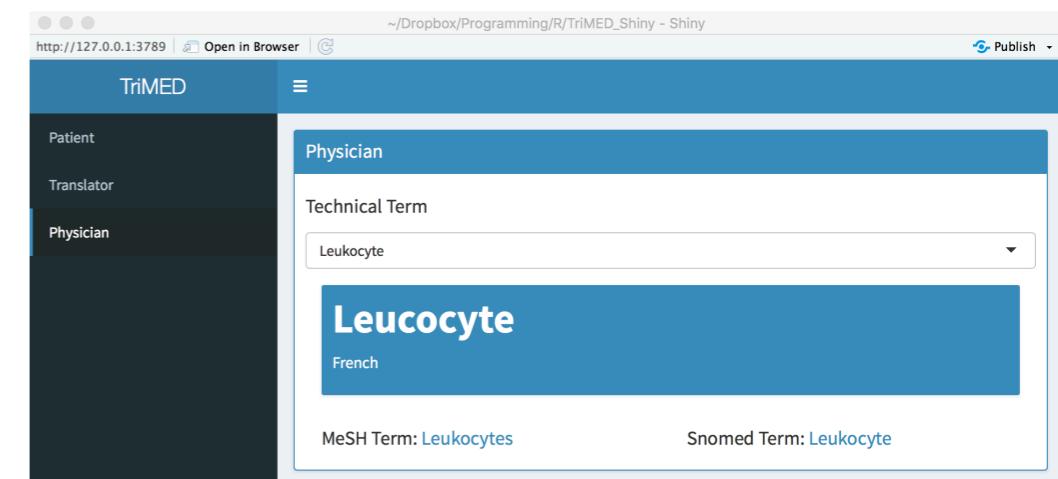
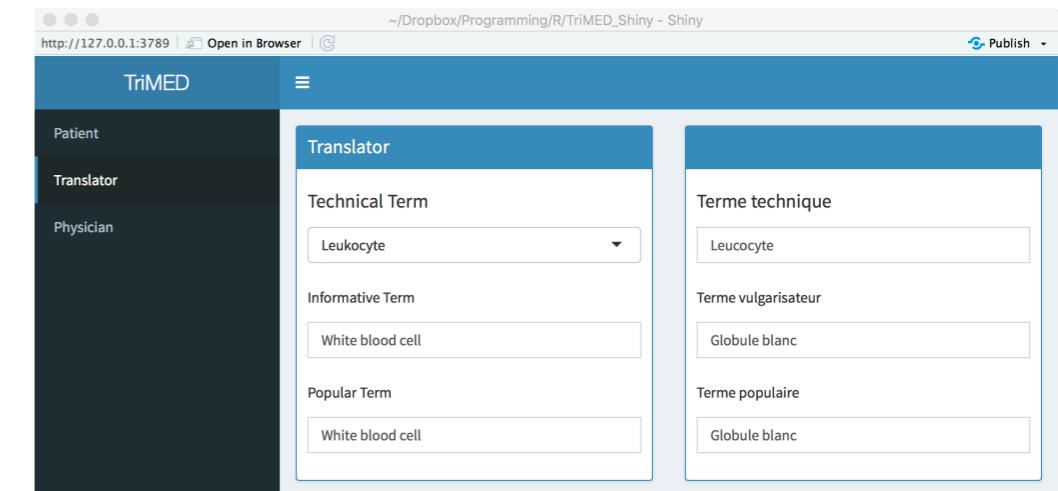
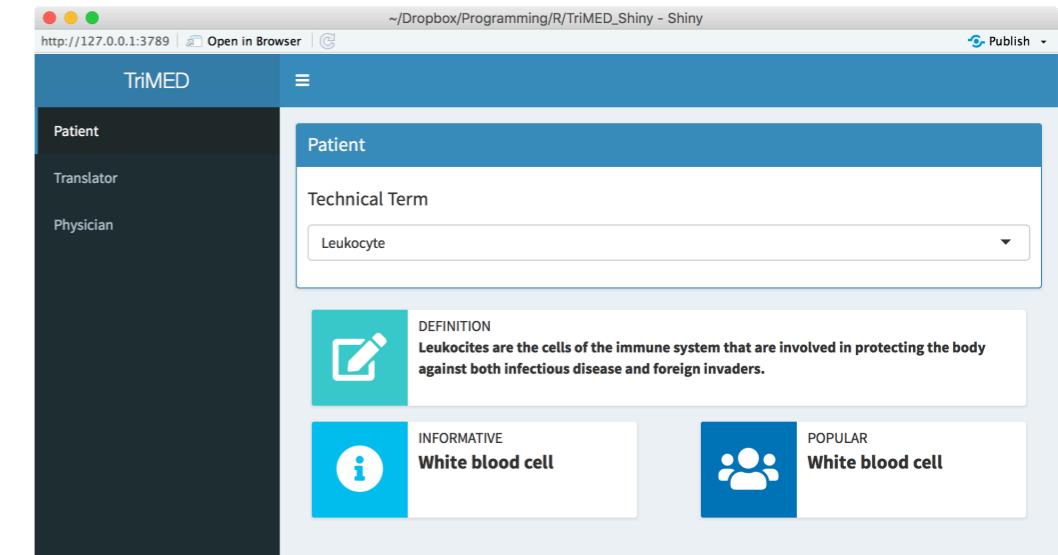
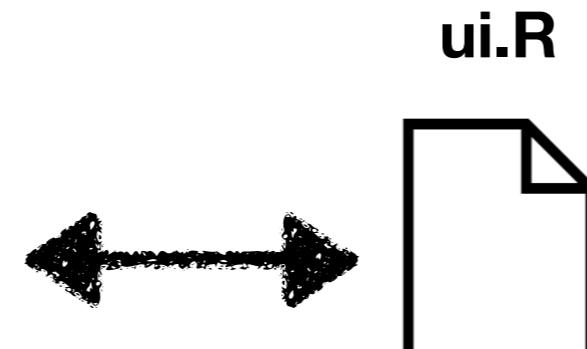


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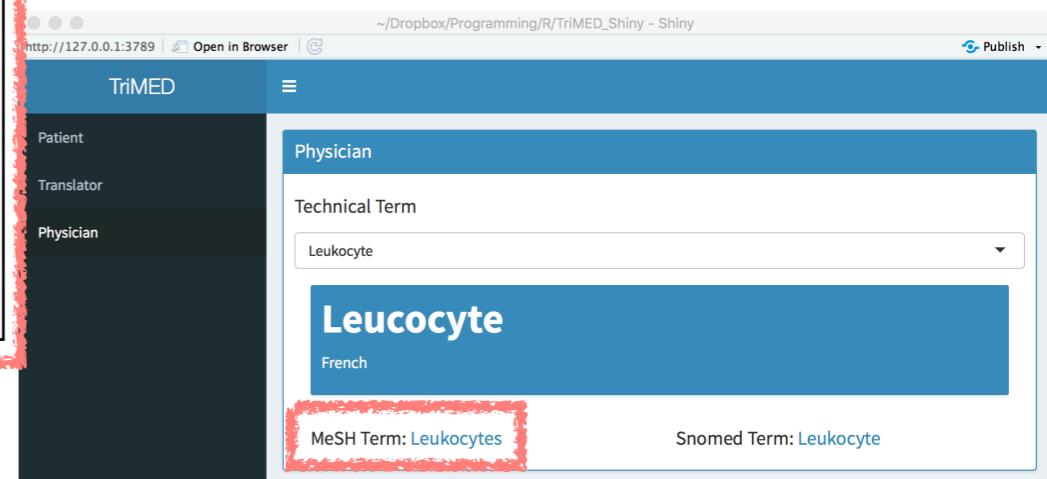
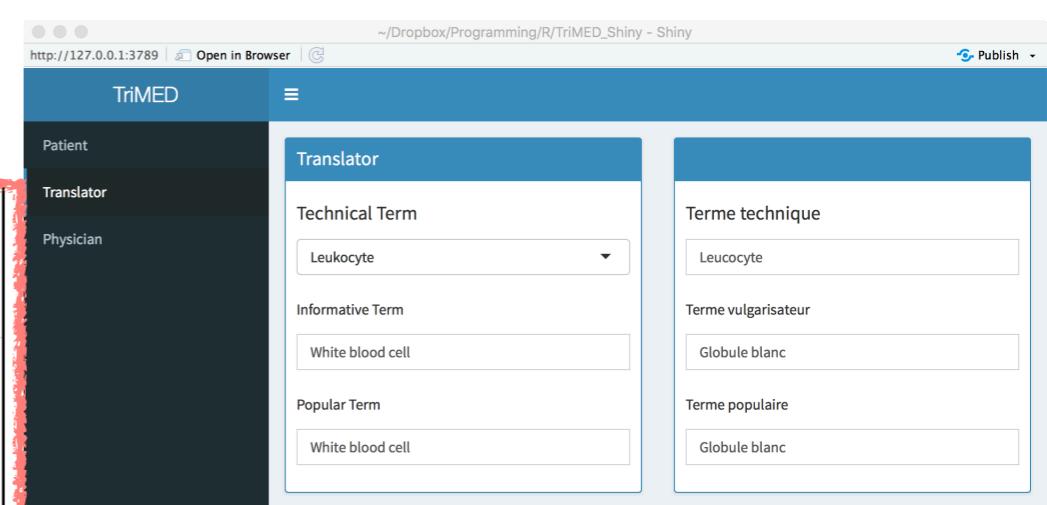
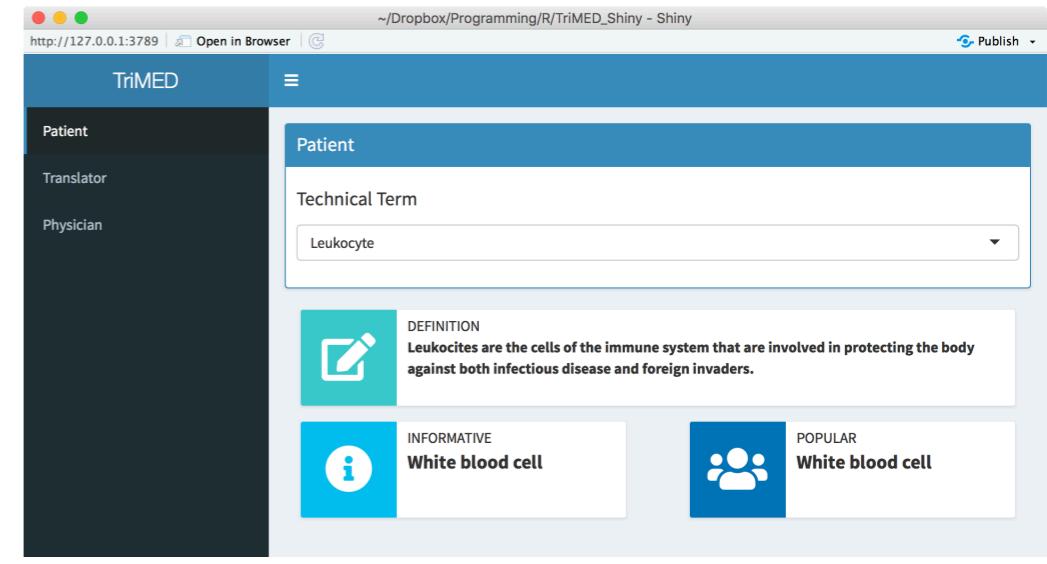
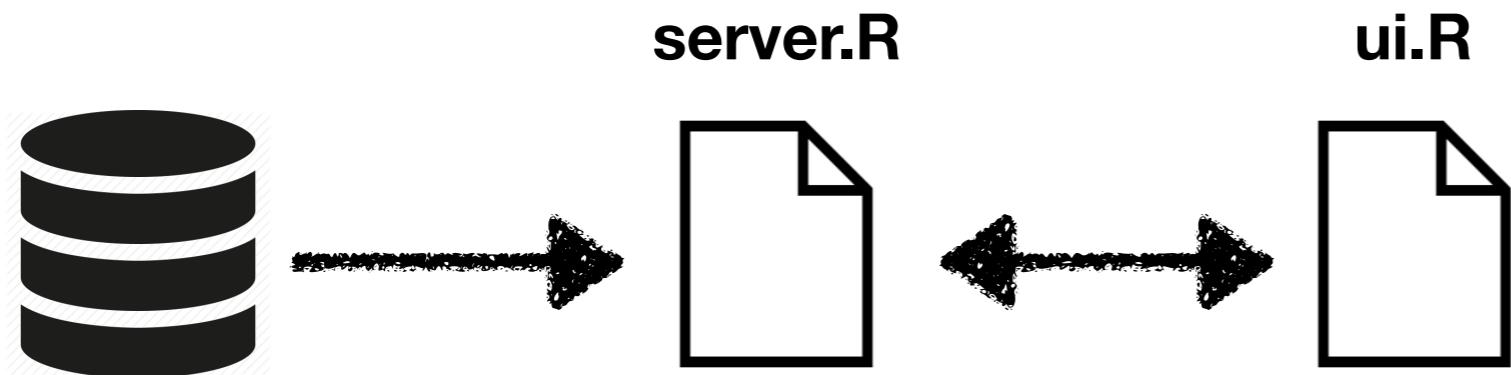
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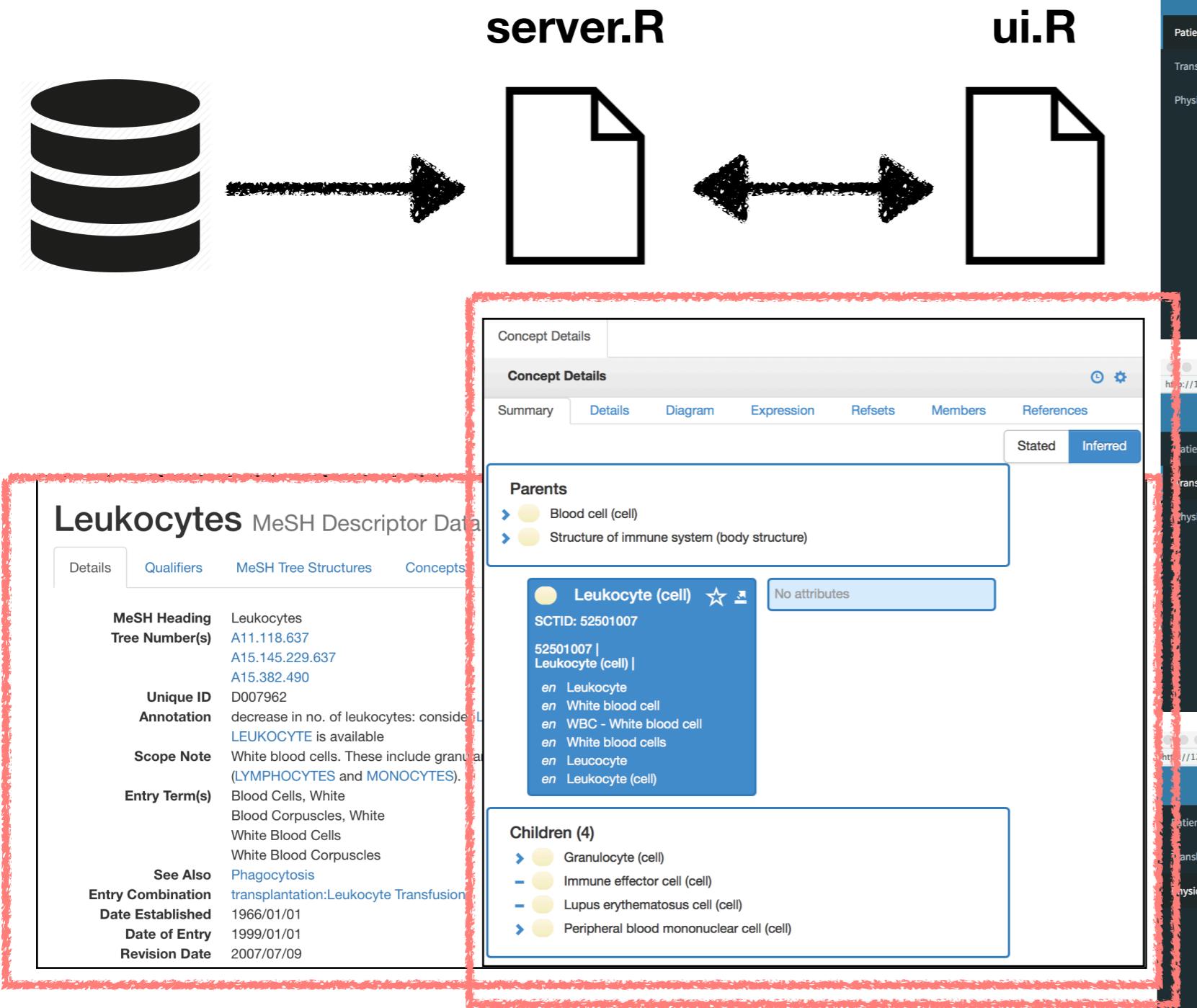
# Shiny Web Application



**Leukocytes** MeSH Descriptor Data 2019

Details	Qualifiers	MeSH Tree Structures	Concepts
MeSH Heading	Leukocytes		
Tree Number(s)	A11.118.637 A15.145.229.637 A15.382.490		
Unique ID	D007962		
Annotation	decrease in no. of leukocytes: consider <a href="#">LEUKOPENIA</a> ; increase in number of leukocytes: consider <a href="#">LEUKOCYTOSIS</a> ; <a href="#">CELL MIGRATION ASSAYS</a> , <a href="#">LEUKOCYTE</a> is available		
Scope Note	White blood cells. These include granular leukocytes ( <a href="#">BASOPHILS</a> ; <a href="#">EOSINOPHILS</a> ; and <a href="#">NEUTROPHILS</a> ) as well as non-granular leukocytes ( <a href="#">LYMPHOCYTES</a> and <a href="#">MONOCYTES</a> ).		
Entry Term(s)	Blood Cells, White Blood Corpuscles, White White Blood Cells White Blood Corpuscles		
See Also	Phagocytosis		
Entry Combination	transplantation:Leukocyte Transfusion		
Date Established	1966/01/01		
Date of Entry	1999/01/01		
Revision Date	2007/07/09		

# Shiny Web Application



**Patient**

Technical Term  
Leukocyte

**DEFINITION**  
Leukocytes are the cells of the immune system that are involved in protecting the body against both infectious disease and foreign invaders.

**INFORMATIVE**  
White blood cell

**POPULAR**  
White blood cell

**Translator**

Technical Term  
Leukocyte

Informative Term  
White blood cell

Popular Term  
White blood cell

**Terme technique**

Leucocyte

Terme vulgarisateur  
Globule blanc

Terme populaire  
Globule blanc

**Physician**

Technical Term  
Leukocyte

**Leucocyte**

French

MeSH Term: Leukocytes

Snomed Term: Leukocyte

# Standardization

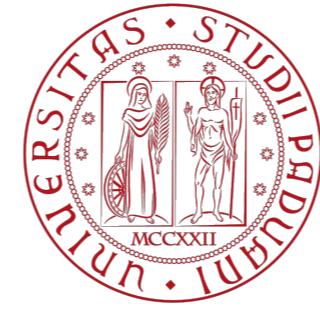
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- Terminology Base eXchange ISO 30042:2008
- Interchange
  - integration of terminological data from multiple sources
- Dissemination
  - querying multiple terminological databases through a single user interface
- Analysis and representation
  - comparing the contents of various terminological databases

# Conclusions

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- Terminological Resource for eHealth
- Records will be available under CC License
- Source code available on GitHub
- FAIR @ UNIPD Research Data Digital Library



# Thank you!

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